the Government, the need for the construction of a bridge at Kollakadavu and, if so, the action taken thereon ; and

(*c*) whether the P. W. D. has taken the statistics of the volume of traffic through the Kollakadavu ferries up and down ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes. It has been recorded.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know why the estimate for the construction of the Kollakadavu bridge has not been placed on the table ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : There is no possibility of funds being available for the work at present and therefore the estimate was not prepared.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know the steps taken hitherto by the P. W. D. in connection with its construction ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : The design has been prepared. But no estimate has been prepared owing to want of funds. I am afraid there is no likelihood of funds for the current year being available.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether it was stated in the Administration Report of the P. W. D. for 1110 that the construction of this bridge will be taken up by Government next year ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I believe so. But we have no funds now.

Improvements to Elankottukulam.

223. ✻ **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether certain improvements have been made recently to the tank known as Elankottukulam bearing S. No. 1352 of Attoor Pakuthy, Veyanoor Desom, Attoor Pakuthy, Kalkulam taluk ;

(*b*) whether a feeding *kal*, provided in the plan prepared, has been constructed ; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that there is no sufficient water supply to this tank for want of a feeding *kal*?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Improvements to tanks.

224. ✻ **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the improvement work budgetted for the following tanks in the Kalkulam and the Vilavankod taluks has beeen started and if not, what is the cause of the delay ?

1. Tamarakulam, Kunnathoor pakuthy.
2. Anayadiperumcolam, Meycode pakuthy.
3. Pidarikulam, Killiyoor pakuthy.
4. Panavilagathucolam, Kappiyara pakuthy.

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[Mr. C. Jebamony Nadar.]

5. Chemparathucolam, Painkulam pakuthy.
6. Kaithacolam, Nattalam pakuthy.
7. Chittalamcolam, Midalam pakuthy.
8. Kattucolam, Arudesam pakuthy.
9. Erratacolam, Nattalam pakuthy.
10. Mannancolam, Kunnathoor pakuthy.
11. Mankuzhicolam, Killiyoor pakuthy.
12. Kalkulam, Nattalam pakuthy.
13. Erayancottucolam, do.
14. Tank in S. No. 9590 of Thalakulam pakuthy.
15. Kadinjalcolam, Midalam pakuthy.
16. Mannancolam, do.
17. Illuppacolam, do.
18. Kattathurai Perumcolam, Attoor pakuthy.
19. Kottuthalacolam, Colachel pakuthy, and
20. Thotaiankattuparakulam, Pacode pakuthy.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: A* statement showing the progress of the works is laid on the table.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether the estimates were prepared by the Division Officer, Nagercoil?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know under whose observations and scrutiny the estimates are now?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Some observations have been made by the Chief Engineer to the Division Officer.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether it was done with a view to find out any reductions in the estimate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Not necessarily that. But there may be some points in the estimates that require elucidation.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know whether the so-called improvements to tanks are not really improvements to the satisfaction of the ryots concerned and has the Chief Engineer taken any action for their restoration?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: There have been few complaints so far about the repair of many of these tanks.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether any satisfactory improvements have been done to minor irrigation tanks?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes. The improvements are done under the Minor Irrigation Work. The Division Officer, Nagercoil attends to such work in his division.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Is it the opinion of the member that improvements coming under Minor Irrigation work should be done by the Irrigation Officer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Minor irrigation works are repaired by the Minor Irrigation Division Officers. The maintenance of them will devolve on the ryots concerned.

* *Vide* Appendix I Page—951.

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MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I draw the attention of the member to the fact that the so-called improvements to tanks are not really improvements so as to benefit the ryots sufficiently in regard to the supply of water and that being so are the Government aware that difficulties are caused on account of that?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT: I am not aware of such complaints.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are pursuing a policy of restoring the already rertored tanks.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Tanks are restored whenever needed. But once restored the ryots should main'ain them.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Are the Government aware that the tanks restored are simply improved in name and that it does not satisfy the requirements of the ryots?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: No, Sir, the Government are not aware. There have been some complaints from the ryots regarding the inutility of the tanks that have been repaired by the department. But I may inform the member that some tanks are falling into disrepair owing to the ryots not carrying out their part of the work.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I draw the attention of the member to the Minor Irrigation Committee Report and the complaints received by them about the unsatisfactory way in which the department has carried on the improvement work in respect of the tanks?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: If the honourable member will bring to my notice the tanks he has in mind I shall be glad to take necessary steps to find out what the troubles are and rectify them as far as I can.

Investigation of minor irrigation works in the Nagercoil Division.

225 #MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the investigation of minor irrigation works in the Nagercoil Division provided for in this year's budget is progressing;

(*b*) if so, by whom the investigation is conducted; and

(*c*) the pakuthies or localities in which investigation has already been conducted?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) By two Surveyors under orders of the Section Officers.

(*c*) In the pakuthies of Vilavankod Taluk, east of Kuzhithurai river, and also in the pakuthies of the old Eraniel taluk and the Kalulam Taluk not commanded by the Kodayar Project.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the number of estimates prepared in pursuance of investigation work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Is the member aware that Tamaracolam tank in the Kunnatur pakuthi was once restored by the ryots on payment of half the contribution?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

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Appendix I.

Vide Answer to question No. 224.

List of tanks in Kalkulam and Vilavankod Taluks, showing improvements.

1.	Thamarakulam, Kunnathur pakuthi.	Removing silt and providing undertunnel to drain foreshore yelah completed; balance work can be done only after land acquisition.
2.	Anayadi Perungulam, Meycode pakuthi.	Work almost completed, balance work can be done after land acquisition.
3.	Pidarikulam, Killiyur pakuthi.	Completed.
4.	Panavilagathucolam, Kappiyara pakuthi	In progress.
5.	Chemparathicolam, Painkulam pakuthi.	Estimate is under scrutiny.
6.	Kaithacolam, Nattalam pakuthi.	Estimate forwarded to Government for sanction.
7.	Chittalamcolam, Midalam pakuthi.	Estimate under preparation.
8.	Kattukulam, Arudesam pakuthi.	Completed.
9.	Erattakulam, Nattalam pakuthi.	Estimate under scrutiny.
10.	Mannancolam, Kunnathur pakuthi.	Estimate under observation.
11.	Mannamkuzhicolam, Killiyur pakuthi.	Estimate under scrutiny.
12.	Kalkulam, Nattalam pakuthi.	Estimate under observation.
13.	Erayankottukulam Do.	Estimate under observation.
14.	Tank in S. No. 9590 of Thalakulam.	Work almost completed.
15.	Kadinjalkulam, Midalam pakuthi.	Completed.
16.	Mannancolam Do.	Completed.
17.	Illupacolam Do.	Work just started.
18.	Kattathurai Perunkulam, Attoor pakuthi.	Estimate sanctioned. Work not started as the season is late.
19.	Kottuthalacolam, Colachel pakuthi.	Completed.
20.	Thottankattuparakulam in Pacode pakuthi.	Work in progress.

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